

**Present**

Rob McDonough - Chairman  
Dave Lewis – Vice Chairman  
Joe Redding - Member  
Steve Johns – Member

Orville Johnson - Member  
Judith Anne Vincent - Member  
Craig Marr – City of Helena  
Christian Lehnert – Weed Coordinator

**Call to Order:** - Rob McDonough called the meeting to order.

**Introductions:** -

**Agenda:** Dave Lewis motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Orville Johnson and approved.

**Minutes:** Joe Redding motioned to approve the February minutes as sent. Seconded by Steve Johns and approved.

**Public Comment:** None

**Action Items:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Coordinator Report:** Christian Lehnert –

- Christian presented the current budget balance. Orville Johnson motioned to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Steve Johns and approved.
- Been finalizing FY 2021 budget dollar.
- Still working on MDT contracts for the 2020 season.
- We are waiting for dollar allocation from the Forest Service for 2020 projects within the agreements.
- Attended load securement training. Good information pertaining to loading trailers.
- Attended the Envision Lincoln event. The Lincoln community is gathering to help with safety, tourism accommodation. Options and projects with MDT to increase safety. No sidewalks A few people talked about weeds, info about weed id, small land management
- Gearing up for the season, seems to be moving right along. May start to look for whitetop
- 4 of the 8 seasonal spray crews will be returning, great help!
- Updating forms and weed id training for seasonal spray crew
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**City of Helena** – Craig Marr – Checked with Public Works/Brad open land manager. Looks like we can do some weed management with the Weed District. Lost 3 trees within the city yesterday. New finance director for the city, two new commissioners and looking at hiring a new interim city manager. Getting out to the parks, spring cleaning. Little green grass emerging. Nature Park – Will be doing some weed work there, engineering will be digging a couple of retention ponds to help mitigate some flooding. Ditch ruption, opportunity for weed control after the project.

**BoCC** – Jim McCormick – In Washington D.C.

**Public Works** – Eric Griffin –

**Board Reports:**

**Augusta Area:** Mike Cobb – Not present - Calving.

**Canyon Creek Area:** Steve Johns – Windy, haven't seen anything growing yet.

**Central Valley Area:** Joel Redding – Saw green grass growing today.

**East Area:** Dave Lewis – More construction, building up north. 40,000 people with medical marijuana cards gross value of crop 135,000,000. If legal, at least triple the amount of Montanans.

**Lincoln Area:** Vacant.

**Helena/South Area:** Orville Johnson – Pretty quiet.

**West Area:** Judith Anne Vincent – Still have snow. Made the grant presentation on Monday to the NWTF. It went fairly well. Questions: Approximately how many acres have been covered in the project. Showed the grant application information to the board.

**Wolf Creek Area:** Rob McDonough – Think it is going to be an early spring. Birds are migrating in about a week ahead of time.

**Announcements:**      **Next Board Meeting** – April 8, 2020 – 1pm Weed Conference Room

**Lewis and Clark Conservation District meeting, April 9, 2020 1-3:30 PM USDA Service Center**

**Agri Forum** – April 14, 2020 - Jorgenson's 6:00 pm No Host Social, 7:00 pm Dinner.

**Adjournment:** 2:41 pm